

CLAIMS

1. A sliding control device (10, 40, 50) comprising a guide section (12) and a cord (20, 41) extending through said guide section and slidable within
5 said guide section, said guide section having an associated first electrical component (16, 16a, 16b, 16c, 51, 61) and said cord having a second electrical component (20a, 41a), wherein said cord is slidable along said guide section to move said second electrical component to with respect to said first electrical component to thereby produce an electrical control action.
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2. A device in accordance with claim 1, wherein said first electrical component is an electrically conductive element (16, 16a) arranged to form a first switch contact and said second electrical component is an electrically conductive element (20a, 41a) arranged to form a second switch contact, the
15 electrical control action being produced by sliding said cord in a first direction to move said second switch contact into electrical contact with said first switch contact.
3. A device in accordance with claim 2, wherein said electrical contact
20 is established by virtue of said first and second switch contact making physical and electrical connection with each other.
4. A device in accordance with claim 2 or 3, wherein said guide section includes a further first electrical component (16b, 16c) in the form of an
25 electrically conductive element, said further first electrical component being arranged at said guide section such that said second switch contact (20a, 41a) is movable to establish electrical contact with each first electrical component simultaneously.
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5. A device in accordance with claim 1 wherein said associated first electrical component is an inductive coil (51).

6. A device in accordance with any one or more of claims 1 to 5 wherein at least one said first electrical component (16, 16a, 16b, 16c) forms part of said guide section.

5 7. A device in accordance with claim 6 wherein said guide section (12) is of knitted, woven or embroidered construction.

8. A device in accordance with any one or more of claims 1 to 7 wherein said guide section (12) is an integral part of a fabric component (11).

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9. A textile article including a sliding control device (10, 40, 50) having the technical features of any one or more of claims 1 to 8.

15 10. A cord comprising the technical features of the cord of any one of claims 1 to 8.